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Martin Luther King III
King Center for Nonviolent Social Change
449 Auburn Ave. NE
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Dear Mr. King III:

We, the Metropolitan King County (WA) Council, would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother, Coretta Scott King. She was an American icon who will continue to be an inspiration to all the people who reside in Martin Luther King, Jr. County.

The fine example she set as both a caring mother and wife, as well as a tireless advocate for civil rights and racial equality firmly establishes her legacy as one of the most influential and revered women of our time. The courage, grace, and dignity she displayed left her with a global extended family that has admired and idolized her outstanding work since your father was taken from your family in 1968. Although there is some consolation in knowing that her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts, minds, and actions of those working for social justice around the world.

Once again, our deepest sympathy goes to your family, and may your mother's soul eternally rest in peace. May you find comfort in this time of mourning, and a sense of joy in knowing that your mother and father are back together again after being apart for so long.

Sincerely,

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